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SUBJECT: US-USSR WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT: BIOLOGICAL
PRODUCTIVITY - BIOLOGY JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING (06.05)

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON APRIL 6, EMBASSY REQUESTED
CONFIRMATION THAT SOVIETS WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO ATTEND
SUBJECT MEETING, APRIL 18-22, FROM A. P. METAL'NIKOV, SCST,
AS REQUESTED BY REFTTEL. METAL'NIKOV RESPONDED THAT SOVIETS
HAD MADE ALL PREPARATIONS TO SEND TWO SCIENTISTS, S. M.
KONOVALOV AND O. SKARLATO, BUT THEIR VISIT WAS NOW
UNCERTAIN BECAUSE SKARLATO HAD BECOME "SERIOUSLY ILL."
BOTH SOVIETS WANT TO ATTEND THE JWG MEETING AND
WOULD DO SO, METAL'NIKOV NOTED, IF SKARLATO RECOVERED
IN TIME. METAL'NIKOV SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD
BE EXPEDIENT TO DELAY THE MEETING BY ONE WEEK, IF POSSIBLE,
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE ADVISE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. AFTER PROVIDING
THE FOREGOING RESPONSE, METAL'NIKOV LAMENTED AT LENGTH
MARTINEAU'S FAILURE TO REPLY TO SOVIET PROPOSALS RE THE
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TIMING OF WORLD OCEANS JCM AND HIS SILENCE ON THE
RENEWAL QUESTION. BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS SOVIET DISPLEASURE
WITH THE CURRENT US POSTURE ON THESE QUESTIONS, IT IS NOT
UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DEMONSTRATING THEIR DIS-
SATISFACTION BY CREATING SMALL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE US,
BY USING SKARLATO'S ALLEGED ILLNESS AS AN EXCUSE NOT
TO CONFIRM DEFINITE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT JWG

MEETING AND BY INTRODUCING MODIFICATIONS IN SCHEDULING
OF NORPAX MEETING (06.0102) THAT MAY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR
US PARTICIPANTS (REPORTED SEPTTEL). TOON

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